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Steps to Remove Unemployment
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to remove unemployment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where campaigns have been launched to remove unemployment;

(d) the time by when problems like unemployment could be resolved; and

(e) whether any initiative has been taken to launch policy to promote self employment in the country and if so, the details thereof along with physical and financial targets fixed under it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (d): Government has taken various steps to remove unemployment in the country by generating employment through encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

New schemes have also been launched which includes Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Swatchh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Seekho aur Kamao scheme was launched for the skill development of minority communities.

The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to equivalent numbers. The National Manufacturing Policy of the Government targets to create 10 crore jobs by the year 2022.

For skilling to provide employment, a new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 51.50 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 under these schemes.
These schemes are being implemented nation-wide. Government is serious in resolving the problem of unemployment as employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformations.

(e): Ministry of MSME is implementing a major credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme since 2008-09 through KVIC as nodal agency at the national level. The scheme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth.
A total of 3.20 lakh micro enterprises have been assisted with a margin money subsidy of Rs 6347.34crore providing employment to an estimated 27.70 lakh persons since PMEGP's inception till 2014-15.
For the Financial year 2015-16, a provision of Rs.1050.00 crore has been made for PMEGP in the Budget Estimates. Till 30th June, 2015, Rs.19.74 crore have been disbursed by the Banks for setting up of 1048 projects generating an estimated employment for 10504 persons.